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Government Agricultural Chemists and Entomologists.

490 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the nature and kind of research work turned out by the Government Agricultural Chemists and the Entomologists respectively in the following form:—

(1) Name of officer,
(2) period of office, and
(3) work turned out?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the annual administration reports of the Agricultural Department which contain a short account of the research work turned out by the Government Agricultural Chemist and Entomologist during each of the years covered by the report. A full account of the work done up till now by the various experts, including the two experts referred to in the question, is given in the pamphlet entitled "A popular account of the work of the Agricultural Department" which is now under print at the Government Press. Copies of the book will be supplied to all the hon. Members of the Legislative Council as soon as it is ready.

Constitution of Panchayat Courts.

491 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) the districts where there have been instances of a single community having obtained the control of the panchayat courts to the exclusion of other communities in the year 1921; and

(2) the number of panchayat courts formed in the Tinnevelly district in 1921 and how many of them comprised members of a single community?

A.—(1) The only district where the tendency of the nature referred to has been reported from is Tinnevelly.

(2) The number of courts formed is 43. But the Government have no information that any of them is comprised of members of a single community.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Do not the Government receive reports on the working of the village panchayat courts and is not the information furnished in those reports? The hon. the Law Member said that incorrect answers had better be corrected here. I wish to know whether the Collectors of the several districts did not send their reports on the working of the village panchayat courts, and if any such reports were received, whether there is no information that any of the courts is comprised of members of a single community?"

The hon. Mr. K. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"We have given the answer as far as we can gather from the reports sent to us by Collectors."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"I only wish to point out that in the Government Order reviewing the reports there is a definite statement that in the Tinnevelly district some of the courts are controlled by members of a single community."

The hon. Mr. K. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"The answer, if Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar will read it, is that the only district where the tendency of the nature referred to has been reported from is Tinnevelly."